

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Official Action dated September 19, 2006.
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Priority Acknowledgement

It is noted with appreciation that the initial Action acknowledges receipt of the claim for priority and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Action was accompanied by an initialed IDS reflecting the examiner's consideration of the art there cited in the ISR at filing.

Claims

Claims 1 to 10 were presented for the initial examination. Claims 3, 4 and 7 to 10 were indicated on page 4 of the Action to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 were rejected as anticipated by Tateishi, JP 10-302281. Without indicating acquiescence in or agreement with the statement of the rejection, the claims are revised to accept the allowable subject matter.

Specifically, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and allowable claim 3 so that amended claim 1 is allowable. Claims 5 and 6 are retained as dependent on claim 1 and are thus now allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Allowable claim 4 is amended to migrate the subject matter of its base claim 1, so that amended claim 4 is also allowable. New claims 11 and 12, corresponding to original claims 5 and 6 are added to be dependent on allowable claim 4, and are thus each allowable.

Allowable claims 7 to 10 are each amended to migrate the subject matter of their base claim 1 so that each of claims 7 to 10 in independent form are allowable.

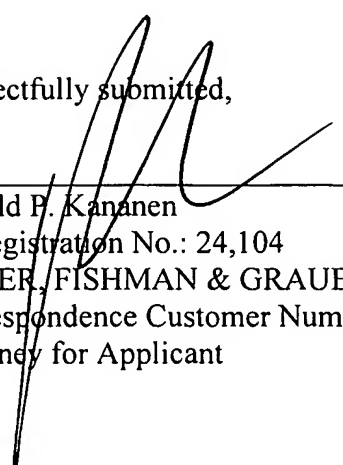
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Thus, the remaining claims 1 and 4 to 12 are allowable; claims 2 and 3 are canceled.
Early Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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